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that with the return of large numbers of the population the mortality may correspondingly rise again. Three Europeans have died from this cause during the past week and several more were attacked who are not yet out of danger. Little confidence is felt generally in the efficacy of the prophylactic treatment of Drs. Yersin and Haffkine, though large numbers of natives and Europeans are offering themselves for inoculation. The cause of the outbreak and the best method of successful treatment are still among the things to be discovered. The pestilence in many cases assumes the most virulent form, like the black death in Europe, which defies any treatment.

Population according to census of 1891.....	821, 764
Present population, for the purpose of this report, estimated one-half the above..	410, 882
Total number of deaths reported for the week.....	1, 139
Total number of deaths for corresponding week last year.....	584
Mean of corresponding week previous five years .....	539
Allowing that one-half the population has left the city, the proportionate number of deaths based on the mean of previous five years would be.....	269
Number of deaths last week that may be attributed to plague.....	870
Average per day from plague.....	124
Number of deaths from plague officially reported for week.....	438
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Average per day .....	63
Probable average number of deaths per day from plague reported as having died of other diseases.....	61
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Officially reported death rate for last week per 1,000.....	124
Same for corresponding week last year.....	70. 55
Mean for corresponding week previous five years.....	34. 61
Number of births reported last week.....	32. 20
Number of births for corresponding week last year.....	37
Mean number for corresponding week previous five years .....	330
	270

C. F. MEYER,  
*United States Vice-Consul.*

#### JAPAN.

##### *Sanitary report from Yokohama and Tokyo.*

YOKOHAMA, *April 3, 1897.*

SIR : I have the honor to report that the smallpox epidemic in this city and its suburbs is declining in severity, as shown by the following return of cases: March 24, 8 cases, 9 deaths; March 25, 1 case, no deaths; March 26, 9 cases, 3 deaths; March 27, 5 cases, 1 death; March 28, no cases, no deaths; March 29, 11 cases, 4 deaths; March 30, 6 cases, 5 deaths; March 31, 3 cases, 1 death. Total, 43 cases; 23 deaths.

A few cases of typhus fever are still met with in Tokyo, but although I am unable to present the statistics, I am satisfied that at present this disease is not increasing.

A tolerably severe epidemic of measles, not, however, of a fatal type, is now prevailing both in Tokyo and Yokohama.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

STUART ELDRIDGE, M. D.,  
*Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.*

YOKOHAMA, *April 3, 1897.*

SIR: I have the honor to forward herewith my regular report of infectious disease in Japan, for period March 24 to March 31, inclusive.

The decline in the severity of the smallpox as shown by this return is, probably, more apparent than real, on account of the absence of the statistics of the great city of Osaka, where the disease is now exceedingly prevalent.

As regards the few cases of plague reported from Formosa, I would state that the Japanese newspapers speak of the outbreak of a very severe and fatal epidemic in a remote district of that island, which is generally supposed to be plague, but which is, evidently, not included in the statistics of the Government.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,  
STUART ELDRIDGE, M. D.,  
*Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.*

[Inclosure.]

*Report of smallpox and plague in Japan, March 24 to March 31, 1897.*

Locality.	Smallpox.		Locality.	Smallpox.	
	Cases.	Deaths.		Cases.	Deaths.
Kioto Fu.....	54	24	Nagano Ken.....	14	1
Osaka Fu.....	.....	.....	Nagasaki Ken.....	199	48
Tokyo Fu.....	109	.....	Nara Ken.....	.....	.....
Aichi Ken.....	46	4	Niigata Ken.....	62	16
Akita Ken.....	1	.....	Oita Ken.....	29	5
Awomori Ken.....	.....	.....	Okayama Ken.....	27	9
Chiba Ken.....	.....	.....	Okinawa Ken.....	52	32
Fukui Ken.....	28	2	Saga Ken.....	1	1
Fukuoka Ken.....	408	155	Saitama Ken.....	218	77
Fukushima Ken.....	93	14	Shidzuoka Ken.....	129	36
Gifu Ken.....	5	1	Shiga Ken.....	16	4
Gumma Ken.....	60	6	Shimane Ken.....	6	1
Hioyo Ken.....	137	31	Tochigi Ken.....	86	23
Hiroshima Ken.....	63	18	Tokushima Ken.....	351	96
Ibaraki Ken.....	.....	.....	Tottori Ken.....	17	3
Ishikawa Ken.....	19	3	Toyama Ken.....	13	5
Iwate Ken.....	7	1	Wakayama Ken.....	.....	.....
Kagawa Ken.....	.....	.....	Yamagata Ken.....	12	2
Kagoshima Ken.....	70	24	Yamaguchi Ken.....	46	16
Kanagawa Ken (Yokohama)...	43	23	Yamanashi Ken.....	23	2
Kochi Ken.....	34	10	Yehime Ken.....	58	11
Kumamoto Ken.....	6	1	The Hokkaido.....	13	6
Miyagi Ken.....	95	31	Taiwan (Formosa)*.....	68	.....
Miyazaki Ken.....	18	5			
Miye Ken.....	121	29	Totals.....	2, 857	776

\* Three cases plague, but no report as to deaths.

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*Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.*

TURKEY.

*Sanitary report from Constantinople.*

[Report No. 173.]

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 8, 1897.

Official news reached from Russia states that the man who fell ill in Theodosia, and whose illness has been considered a bubonic-plague case, is improving, and that guinea pigs on which inoculations have been performed have not presented any plague symptoms.

In Bombay, according to official reports communicated to the International Sanitary Commission, the epidemic is abating. In Karachi there occur about 29 deaths from plague every day.

The physicians who have been forwarded to the Persian Gulf in order